

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0964  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1398

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, IS, JO  
SUBJECT: SHAKE-UP IN WEST BANK MILGOV -- FOLLOW-UP

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1267 AND PREVIOUS; (B) TEL AVIV 5838

1. REFTELS, AS WELL AS "TIME" MAGAZINE OF MAY 15,  
REPORTED THAT BETHLEHEM DISTRICT MILGOV AND HIS ASSISTANT  
HAD BEEN RELIEVED OF DUTIES AND/OR COURT MARTIALED IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE TEARGASSING OF STUDENTS IN A BEIT  
JALA SCHOOL. IN FACT, BOTH OFFICERS ARE STILL IN COMMAND,  
AND, ACCORDING TO MAYORS OF BEIT JALA AND BEIT SAHUR,  
THE MILGOV PLANS TO BE AROUND FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR TWO.

2. WHILE THE COURT MARTIAL HAS RECIVED LITTLE PUBLICITY,  
WE UNDERSTAND FROM SEVERAL JOURNALISTS THAT A PROCESS  
DID TAKE PLACE SOON AFTER WEST BANK MILGOV HAGOEL WAS  
SACKED MAY 3. OUTCOME, WE UNDERSTAND, WAS A REPRIMAND  
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AND DELAY OF PROMOTION.

3. "HA'ARETZ" LITANI, WHO BROKE THE STORY IN THE HEBREW  
PRESS, TOLD OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE RECENTLY THAT HE BELIEVES  
AFTER A DECENT INTERVAL OF TWO MONTHS BETHLEHEM OFFICERS  
WILL BE TRANSFERRED.

4. COMMENT: SHARP CONTRAST IN PUNISHMENTS METED OUT  
(HAGOEL WAS SUMMARILY SACKED) HAS SUGGESTED TO SOME LOCAL  
OBSERVERS THAT WEIZMAN AND C/S EITAN WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH  
MAINTAINING INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE IDF THAN WITH  
PUNISHING USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN REPRESSING DEMONSTRATIONS.  
MOREOVER, IDF MAY HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT SUMMARY  
TRANSFERS OF BETHLEHEM OFFICERS MIGHT SIGNAL TOO SOFT  
A LINE TOWARDS ARABS AT A TIME WHEN IDF IS BESET BY  
STEP-UP IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.  
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